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SARAH ROSS — THE FLAT HAT

An ROTC instructor pauses at the Queen's Guard memorial on the Sunken Garden yesterday, the seventh anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

A Facebook for College alumni

Though some alumni prefer e-mail, the WMAA has created a Tribe-only social networking site

By CHRIS ROWEKAMP
The Flat Hat

With the growing popularity of online social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter, finding old classmates has become increasingly easier for alumni. The College of William and Mary Alumni Association has responded by launching a brand new online community, "my1693."

The association has reliable contact information for about 77,000 of the roughly 82,000 living alumni of the College, according to Assistant Director for Alumni Communications Eric Pesola. In total, the association oversees 26 community groups across the nation, all of which are active in organizing events and posting relevant information. The WMAA also has a website and publishes a quarterly magazine that features both

news about recent developments at the College and information about notable alumni, marriage announcements and obituaries.

"Even when I graduated, e-mail hadn't become very popular, so my only connections to my former classmates and my alma mater were the alumni magazine and an occasional letter in the mail," Matt McGuire '95 said.

With the advent of the internet, networking became easier for alumni due to the relative speed, ease and flexibility of

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RESEARCH AT THE COLLEGE

Students work through heat to uncover ancient artifacts

By MIKE CRUMP and
KELSEY NAWALINSKI
The Flat Hat

Students interested in archeology at the College of William and Mary received a hands-on encounter this summer as they ran an archeological dig during a four-week field class in Colonial Williamsburg.

Through Archeological Field Methods, which was offered this year over both summer sessions, students took part in all aspects of the Ravenscroft Cellar excavation. The site is believed to have been an underground room used by two of The Virginia Gazette's earliest printers. The dig is a partnership

between the College and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

"We did everything," said Ashton Smith '10, one of 22 students involved in the excavation. "Along with digging on the site and all the manual labor, we did background research and helped with the [site's] running."

Students attended regular lectures on archeological topics, including archeobotany, zooarcheology, artifact identification, interpretation and archeological conservation.

"Before I did this I had no idea what archeology was about. I thought it was just digging," Smith

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COURTESY PHOTO — ASHTON SMITH

Ashton Smith '10 conducts research during an archaeological dig this summer in Colonial Williamsburg.

SDS discusses Reveley, BOV

SDS leaders: BOV is not fulfilling promises of transparency

By ANNE FOSTER
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Last night, members of Students for a Democratic Society met to discuss what actions should be taken to oppose the recent appointment process that selected Taylor Reveley as the permanent president of the College of William and Mary. At the meeting, SDS members discussed their frustration with both the lack of transparency in the BOV's selection process and the absence of student opposition on campus.

Although the group does not believe that anything can be done to reverse Reveley's appointment, they think that changes should be made to the presidential and BOV selection processes.

"I want to hold the BOV accountable," said Pablo Fierro '10, who is leading the efforts within SDS. "I want to have a dialogue with the BOV."

The group's grievances do not lie with Reveley,

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Students for a Democratic Society met last night.

Professors utilize online resources

By IAN BRICKEY
The Flat Hat

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A Series on Textbooks

Last Friday: Professors assigning their own textbooks.

Tuesday: Students and professors deal with rising textbook costs.

Today: Textbooks moving into the internet age.

Currently many students spend hours in the bookstore searching for the textbooks required for their classes. That trip might soon be unnecessary.

Publishers and professors alike have started making class material available online, putting students only a few keystrokes away from their reading assignments.

Trying to adapt to a market in which students are often unwilling to

pay high costs for print editions, publishing companies are also producing electronic versions of textbooks. However, students are not the only ones to reap benefits from electronic textbooks. Publishers' gradual transition to electronic textbooks also allows them to recoup profits that are lost when students who purchase used books.

Some professors see online books and materials as a way to give students information to which they

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Corrections
In Tuesday’s article, Justin Reid ’09, the president of the College’s National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was misrepresented. He actually “hopes” to work with President Reveley on his “strategic plan” since the process has not started yet.
The Flat Hat wishes to correct any facts printed incorrectly. Corrections may be submitted by e-mail to the section editor in which the incorrect information was printed. Requests for corrections will be accepted at any time.

Weather

Friday



High 84°
Low 71°

Saturday



High 89°
Low 74°

Sunday



High 97°
Low 67°

Source: www.weather.com

Quote of the Week
“ Before I did this I had no idea what archeology was about. I thought it was just digging ”
— Ashton Smith ’10 in reference to his archeological dig in Williamsburg over the summer.
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News in Brief

VIMS professor receives science award

Dennis Taylor, a professor of marine science at the College of William and Mary’s Virginia Institute of Marine Science, received the 2008 President’s Award for Service to the Community for his excellence in science teaching and demonstration of civic responsibility. He received a plaque and \$500, which he donated to the Williamsburg Climate Action Network.
Taylor has been teaching at VIMS since 1991. In 1995 he began teaching undergraduate courses at the College, including freshman seminars and introductory marine science classes. Four years ago, Taylor founded the Public Commons Project, which fosters interdisciplinary undergraduate environmental research that aids the community.

Palin cancels Virginia Beach campaign stop
Vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin has canceled her Sept. 18 campaign stop in Virginia Beach. Attorney General Bob McDonnell announced Gov. Palin’s campaign stop in his Sept. 4 press conference.
The McCain campaign has not yet rescheduled Palin’s visit to Virginia.

College chemist admitted to Hall of Fame
The Southwest Virginia Hall of Fame selected William Starnes, College of William and Mary chemistry professor, to be honored for his contribution to science.
Starnes, the Floyd Dewey Gottwald, Sr. Professor of Chemistry, was ranked in 2001 as one of fewer than 1,000 people across the globe with the greatest impact on the history of science. Starnes gained recognition for patenting, licensing and perfecting the process by which polyvinyl chloride, one of the world’s most common plastics, is made.
At a ceremony on Sept. 20, the Southwest Virginia Museum will placing a commemorative tile, one of its the first, in the museum’s sidewalk.

Record-breaking bird presumed dead
Winnie the record-breaking whimbrel went missing and is now presumed dead by Bryan Watts, the director of the College’s Center for Conservation Biology.
Last spring, scientists fitted Winnie, a gray-brown bird related to herons, with a satellite tracking device and released Winnie into the wild to track her migratory path. Winnie flew from the Delmarva Peninsula to the McKenzie River Basin on the Alaska-Canada border, covering 3,200 miles in 146 hours, setting “a new distance record in the flight range of this species,” Watts said at the time.
Watts speculates that as Winnie made her way back to the east coast this year, she ran into strong headwinds that carried the bird to a hostile environment that ultimately led to her death.
“The area where she went down is remote and the ground cover is really thick, so it’s not likely that the tracking unit or bird will be recovered,” Watts said in a press release.
Watts plans to continue studying whimbrels.

— by Maggie Reeb and Sarah Ross



Yale to hire alcohol director for ’09

New dean’s office post will revamp alcohol education

By MAGGIE REEB
Flat Hat Insight Editor
Yale University has decided to create a new position in the dean’s office – the director of alcohol and substance abuse initiatives, which the university hopes to fill by the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. The director will centralize the university’s drug and alcohol education efforts.
Many students have been weary of the news, envisioning the director as a tyrant out to take legal action against every kegger on campus, but school officials assure the public that the director’s job will be to educate.
“I view this person as a real partner to students and organizations. Not as someone who’s going to come in, lay down the law and tell people what they can and can’t do,” Assistant Athletic Director Amy Backus said, who is part of the search committee for the director, in an interview with Yale Daily News.
The university first cemented the director’s duties from recommendations by the Yale Committee on Alcohol Policy’s 2006 report, but the dean’s office is still shaping the new post’s role. So far, Yale has been in agreement that the director will pioneer the school’s new programming that offers alcohol-free social events on campus and educate students about common alcohol and drug misconceptions.
“It’s hard to say exactly what those programs will be,” Will Corbin, a Yale psychology professor and member of the search committee, said in a Sept. 9 Daily News story. “A lot depends on who fills the position.”
The university began the search for a director in April, hoping to fill the position two weeks ago when the fall semester began. The large number of applicants and still-undetermined job description slowed the process.
Some students, like sophomore Shaun Farrel welcome the addition of another educator to the campus.
“I remember during freshman orientation they basically said, ‘This is a shot.... there’s a lot of people who have never had a drink before.’”
To ease students’ anxiety, the administration says it is reviewing each application to make sure the new director will fit into the culture of the college. Yale encourages students to make their own decisions about substance use and provides resources for the prevention and treatment of abuse.
“Amnesty for students who are intoxicated is something everyone wants to see continue,” said Corbin.

STREET BEAT

What act do you hope UCAB will bring to the College this year?



“MIKA.”
Amanda Derringer ’11



“The Red Hot Chili Peppers.”
Katie Howard ’11



“Top Gear.”
Jeff Mason ’09



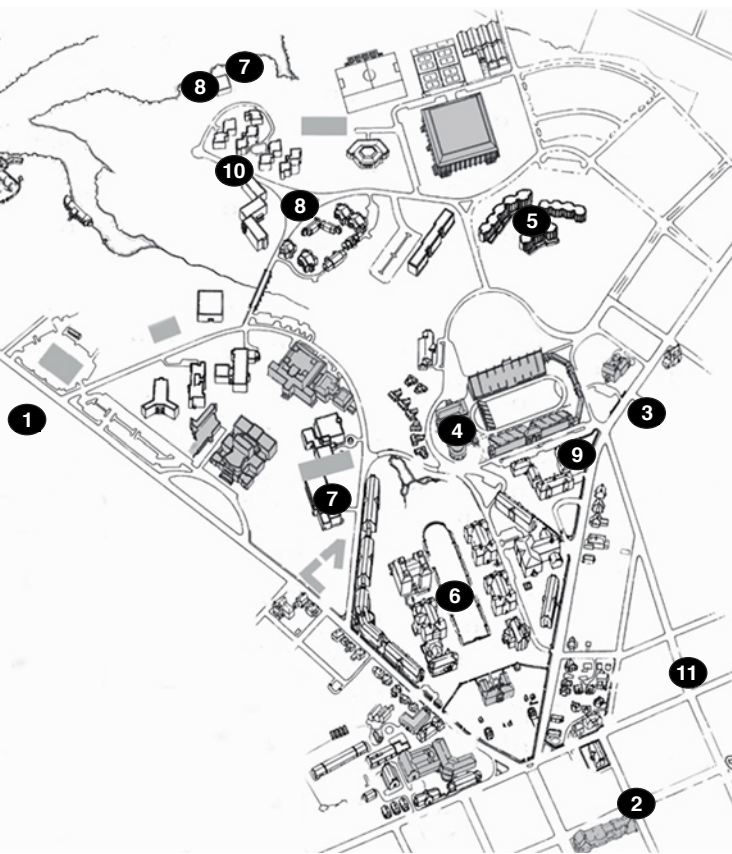
“Band of Horses.”
Virginia Adams ’11

— Photos and interviews by Wayne Pearson

CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

Aug. 26 to Sept. 8

Tuesday, Aug. 26 — A student reported a window broken in the Ludwell Apartment Complex. The estimated damage is \$150. **1**
Wednesday, Aug. 27 — A camera was stolen from a building off



of Scotland Street. Its estimated value is \$1,500. **2**
Thursday, Aug. 28 — An antenna and souvenir license plate were stolen from a car parked on Harrison Drive. **3**
Friday, Aug. 29 — A student reported an individual had vandalized the Sadler Center. The estimated damage is \$25. **4**
Saturday, Aug. 30 — A student was arrested for underage possession of alcohol at the fraternity Units. **5**
Monday, Sept. 1 — A student was arrested for underage possession of alcohol in the Sunken Garden. **6**
— A student reported his string bass guitar had been stolen from his Jamestown Dorm. Its estimated value is \$2,100. **7**
Tuesday, Sept. 2 — A student living in a dorm off of Ukrop Way received a suspicious phone call. **8**
Wednesday, Sept. 3 — A student reported his student ID card missing from the Commons Dining Hall. The ID’s estimated value is \$15. **9**
— An individual reported that the patio door of a building off of Ukrop Way had been vandalized. The estimated damage to the door is \$100. **8**
Saturday, Sept. 6 — An individual was assaulted in the Zable Stadium lot just after 2 a.m. **9**
—An individual was arrested in the Fraternity Complex for alleged underage possession of alcohol. **5**
Monday, Sept. 8 — A student reported a Blackberry phone had been stolen from a building off of Wake Drive. The phone’s estimate value is \$250. **10**
— A student reported a flash drive had been stolen from a building on James Blair Road. Its estimated value is \$50. **11**

— compiled by Maggie Reeb

By the Numbers

9.2

The cost, in billions of dollars, of building the Large Hadron Collider, a machine designed to collide two beams of protons in order to recreate the condition of the universe seconds after the Big Bang occurred, according to Business Week.

11

The number of possible dimensions that scientists hope to prove exist through LHC experiments.

60

The maximum number of tiny black holes the LHC could create in a minute. Scientists working on the project say that the black holes will dissolve instantly and thus pose no threat to the world.

17

The LHC tunnel’s length in miles. The Collider was built in an underground tunnel that runs beneath the border between Switzerland and France.

80,000

The number of computers that will analyze data collected by experiments conducted with the LHC.

14

The number of years it took to develop the LHC.

— Maggie Reeb

SA resumes 2008 agenda, underage drinking discussed

Amethyst Act, AED Act debated at length during two-hour meeting

By MASON WATSON
The Flat Hat

The Student Assembly met at their new location in Washington Hall 201 for a two-hour meeting Tuesday.

After updates from committee heads, the senate confirmed several SA assembly secretaries. Braum Katz '10 was appointed as secretary of student rights, Adeela Tajdar '09 was confirmed as secretary of diversity initiatives, and Katie Dixon was confirmed as secretary of the department of health and safety. All confirmation decisions were unanimous.

Discussion mainly focused on the Amethyst Act, sponsored by Sens. Ben Brown '11, Ross Gillingham '10 and Steven Nelson '10, and the AED Act, sponsored by Brown, both of which were introduced last week.

The Amethyst Act derives its name from the nationwide Amethyst

Initiative, which calls for a reopening of debate about drinking age restrictions. Nationwide, 129 college presidents have already signed the initiative, which strives to lower the drinking age to 18. According to the initiative's website, the statement makes clear "the signatories' belief that 21 is not working as well as the public may think." The bill before the SA, however, merely encourages President Reveley to sign the initiative.

All of the sponsors emphasized the bill's neutrality.

"It is not advocating a specific policy point," Brown said.

The sponsors noted that by signing the initiative, Reveley would generate press attention for the school, in addition to advancing the cause of the movement.

Sen. Caroline Mullis '09 asked if the aims of the initiative truly reflected campus sentiment.

"Maybe this is what I want, but I can't know for sure that the students want this," Mullis said.

The sponsors questioned whether it would be feasible to have a referendum for every bill, and again, emphasized the bill's neutrality.

Sen. Matt Beato '09 spoke up in the bill's defense, stating that he did not feel that opening debate on the topic was controversial.

The senate passed the Amethyst Bill unanimously.

The AED Act received less support from the senate. The act allocates \$19,500 for the purchase of 15 Automatic External Defibrillators to be placed on campus. Most of the devices would be located on Old Campus, where AED coverage is limited. Many would be located in residence halls, as students are unable to enter other residence halls after midnight. AEDs can save lives in

the event of cardiac arrest. Although cardiac arrest is rare among college students, Brown noted that it can "affect people of all ages."

Other senators responded negatively to the bill.

Mullis objected, saying that "it's not our job to use student funds for this." Brown replied, admitting that the initiative "should be done by the administration," but that "it's completely reasonable for us to step up."

Many senators expressed doubts as to Brown's methods for deciding the placement of the AEDs. Brown's technique was to measure the time it took him to walk to the nearest AED from various locations on campus. His placement reflected the American Heart Association's recommendation that an AED be no more than four minutes away. Brown made clear his confidence in his prospective placement of AEDs,

saying that "I think this placement would most effectively cover the campus."

Due to widespread doubt about the placement of the AEDs, a motion to table the bill until next week was passed.

Sen. Matt Pinsker '09 presented the Student Choice Mascot Committee Act, which allocates \$500 as a reward to the person whose mascot submission is accepted by the athletics department. The act passed unanimously.

Several new acts were introduced for later consideration, including the Open Billing Act and the Post Office Act. The last-minute Sept. 11 Memorial Act was ultimately dropped, as it violated funding procedures. Instead, the Class of 2009 fund provided funding for the memorial.

The SA will continue to meet in Washington Hall 201 for the remainder of fall term.

SDS meeting develops strategy for a more politically active student body



SARAH ROSS — THE FLAT HAT
Students for a Democratic Society meet to discuss issues affecting the College.

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but rather with the process through which he was selected.

They have considered several possible courses of actions. SDS is planning protests and a flyer campaign around the Sept. 25 BOV meeting. In addition, they hope to send a letter expressing their frustration with BOV Rector Michael Powell '85 to Virginia legislators.

In order to increase awareness of the issue, SDS also wants to involve other student groups.

"A negative campaign by itself wouldn't be very successful," Margaret Smith '10 said. "We want to have the positive aspect of student and faculty involvement."

There has been little student opposition to Reveley's appointment compared to last semester's efforts following former President Gene Nichol's resignation in

February. SDS and several student organizations held protests and wrote petitions. There was much discussion about how students and faculty would be included in the selection of the new president. There has been little public opposition to Reveley's appointment.

SDS plans to attract student attention by putting up flyers, involving the Student Assembly and contacting Williamsburg

media. SDS is also considering the formation of a new group to face the issue. As a national organization with a radical reputation, SDS believes that a more inclusive group would attract attention and promote student involvement.

"I feel like this is something that needs to be discussed with the students, and this is the only organization that is doing something about it," Marc Presler '10 said.



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'my1693' website launched

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online communication. Although many alumni continue to use other methods of contact, online social networking sites are growing in popularity among all alumni and not just recent graduates.

The WMAA took notice of this phenomenon and launched "my1693" Aug. 15. The network closely resembles Facebook in function and appearance.

Since it is a very new application, it has a small membership base, but is showing signs of rapid growth. In August, 4,053 alumni joined "my1693" and an additional 2,561 have joined this month, said Pesola.

However, there is still a strong disconnect between the alumni website and most College alumni.

"I use e-mail to connect with previous classmates," McGuire said. "In fact, I had no idea about 'my1693.'"

Other alumni have embraced Facebook.

"Sometimes I use the alumni website, but I've reconnected with many more [College] friends through Facebook," Alison Chandler '00 said via phone.

Government professor Clay Clemens '80, a member of the WMAA board of directors, said that he uses e-mail to correspond with former classmates and students. While he is supportive of the new online

community, he thinks that most alumni choose to network through more time-efficient means like, e-mail and Facebook.

Realizing that different generations of alumni have preferred methods of communication, the WMAA is trying to make all of those methods available. The next step is "my1693."

"There are over 60 living classes of William and Mary graduates out there, so we offer a variety of networking options for them," Pesola said. "Everyone's not going to join the online community, but we're trying to do what we can to involve as many as possible."

Pesola said that there likely would be an announcement in the next issue of the alumni magazine, she expects even more alumni to sign up for "my1693."

"I am very optimistic about the future," Pesola said. "The online network is showing signs of growth, and it will only get better from here."

While establishing the new online community has been the current major project of the alumni website, the WMAA has shown a willingness to use Facebook. In fact, there are several Facebook groups established by the WMAA and its 26 community groups. As of press time, Facebook groups for alumni in Washington, D.C., counted 87 members; South Hampton Roads: 175; Philadelphia: 35; and Williamsburg: 20.

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Students and faculty react to Reveley's appointment

KEVIN LIPPAK | SEPTEMBER 10
Students, faculty and administration seemed generally approving of College President Taylor Reveley's leadership.

College given emergency alert radio

MEGAN KEELING | SEPTEMBER 10
The College of William and Mary has received a public alert radio as part of a federal program to improve emergency preparedness in the nation's colleges and universities.

Student returns with new knowledge of past

LAUREN DILLINGLEY | SEPTEMBER 10
Not many students at the College of William and Mary spent their summers getting paid to decipher and analyze the surprisingly messy scrawl of Revolutionary War officer Henry Knox's handwritten letters.

Reveley sworn in as 27th College President

ALEX GUILLEN | SEPTEMBER 5
At noon Friday, in the presence of his family, the Board of Visitors, administrators, students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members, Taylor Reveley was sworn in as the permanent 27th president of the College of William and Mary.

Getting to Know Tribe Football

Getting to Know Tribe Football

Staff Editorial: Reaction of ambivalence

FLAT HAT EDITORIAL BOARD | SEPTEMBER 11
Taylor Reveley became the 27th President of the College of William and Mary on Friday. And in other news, Tom Brady's out for the season with a torn ACL. Bummer.

Lightening the financial load

BECKY KOENIG | SEPTEMBER 10
Textbook costs are the latest cause for concern for College students.

Baako finds unlikely home at College

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Ravenscroft site dug up for third time since 1954

22 students participated in summer excavation to determine history of site

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said. “Now I know more [of] what’s involved: the tools, the technical skills.”

Anthropology professor and field school director Marley Brown said what makes this program different from others is its

emphasis on public archeology.

“Students here have to learn how to communicate their findings to the public,” he said. “People are always coming up to the digs.”

The Ravenscroft project is a continuation of digs that took place in 1954 and 1998.

“In 1998, we had an opportunity to take a closer look at a small section of the site,” CW archaeologist Meredith Poole said. “Within a seven by 10 meter area, [CW] archeologists uncovered a large trash pit containing more than 9,000 artifacts.”

In his work this summer, Smith

said that he found, among other things, an arrowhead pottery and a rhinestone earring. Artifacts recovered over the course of the excavation will be analyzed this winter in a laboratory.

“As these artifacts are washed, catalogued and analyzed, our sense of how this cellar was used will likely come into better focus,” Poole said. “Archaeology is not a discipline for the impatient.”

For the last three years, students have explored the area’s history by researching and investigating the structure. Currently the original use of the above-ground portion of the site is unknown, but theories include a bake house, outbuilding or store.

Despite 100-degree temperatures and sweltering humidity, the 22 students (among the two sessions) thrived in the program.

“Our William and Mary undergraduates this past summer were among the best we’ve ever had,” Brown said. “In this group were a number of anthropology and history majors who could have successful careers in historical archaeology if they wanted to pursue this profession.”

The archaeologists are planning to return to the Ravenscroft site in the summer of 2009.



COURTESY PHOTO — ASHTON SMITH
Students work to excavate the Ravenscroft site and uncover artifacts in Colonial Williamsburg.



COURTESY PHOTO — ASHTON SMITH
Ashton Smith used survey and traditional archaeological tools this summer.

College questions merit of online textbooks as resource

Some professors use Blackboard as alternative, but many still prefer assigning textbooks

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would otherwise not have easy access.

Religious studies professor Donald Polaski utilizes the College’s Blackboard system to distribute shorter materials to students without making them pay for expensive anthologies.

“The benefit is getting, [in particular], primary texts into students’ hands fairly easily without making them buy a complete collection and without making them dig around to find [print] sources,” Polaski said. “You can give them a few chapters of an ancient text without having them purchase a whole collection.”

However, even with its benefits, Polaski is uncomfortable about assigning whole textbooks online. He cites issues of copyright infringement, as well as the College’s own policies regarding online sources.

“I would really resent having someone scan [my] entire work and [put] it online,” he said. “That’s taking advantage of somebody’s work.”

Some students, like Melissa Montagna ’11, prefer online material to its printed counterpart. She especially likes the convenience of being able to do all her reading for class on her laptop.

“I think electronic sources are better,” Montagna said. “Textbooks are way too expensive, so it saves you a ton of money. And it’s a lot handier.”

She also said that printing out articles was just as much of a hassle.

“My professors posted readings on Blackboard instead of having us buy books,” Montagna said. “We printed them out and the stack was like three inches thick.”

With the price of textbooks continuing to climb, some students have stopped buying them completely, choosing instead to download entire books from websites like textbooktorrents.com. These websites allow students to download — free of charge — entire texts on

subjects ranging from chemistry to economics.

Montagna likes the idea of downloading textbooks for free but doubts it will ever be the norm at the College.

“I think there’s probably some copyright issue there, but that would be pretty amazing,” Montagna said. “Plus, a lot of professors are pretty old school and haven’t warmed up to the idea [of online readings].”

Some students, like Casey Swann ’12, disagree that online texts are more user-friendly. Swann is part of a contingent of students who prefer their textbooks in print form.

“I really like having the material out in front of me,” Swann said. “I think it’s easier to read when it’s in textbook format rather than online.”

While not rejecting the use of online materials, some professors are more skeptical of the benefits of print sources to students.

Kris Lane, a history professor, sees the convenience of posting readings on Blackboard. However, Lane doubts their effectiveness for students.

“Folks who read stuff online approach it differently,” Lane said. “The way you engage it is different. You can be distracted easily by music or your surroundings, so there are lots of things that can get in the way of the reading. To me that’s a drawback.”

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Admin. says giving likely to increase

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College President Gene Nichol to Reveley.

Despite the drop, Pieri says the first quarter of this year, which ends this month, is “way up.” Although he says he is worried about the economy, Pieri hopes to continue the early success for the rest of the year.

“We will probably do somewhere north of \$40 million this year,” he said. “With a little luck, a lot better than that.”

Vice President for Strategic Initiatives Jim Golden is using these numbers to plan for the College’s financial future.

“Certainly we all recognize that fundraising is going to be a very important part of the College’s future,” he said. “We are very much aware that the state has lots of competing demands on very limited resources and we really appreciate what they’ve been able to give us. The reality is the state is only providing about 20 percent of our operating requirements at the moment.”

Golden said he also expects the numbers to go up this year.

“We will be feeling the benefit of the \$500-million campaign

as commitments made under that campaign are actually delivered to us and we get the cash,” he said. “But we know that to do that we’ve got to have some very clear messages of what our strategic priorities are and how that funding will be used very effectively to benefit things that potential donors will recognize as really important for the College.”

Reveley also agreed that a more aggressive fundraising strategy is needed.

“It’s getting deadly serious about the development effort, what it needs to do to raise more annual giving, more endowment giving, more capital giving, and it’s this really focused effort to try to distill our message in ways that are winsome and appealing to people,” he said.

Golden explained that the College has a smaller donor base than many other nationally ranked universities for several reasons, including its small size and lack of professional schools in medicine or engineering.

“We need to find ways to build that same kind of loyalty to William and Mary that other schools like Princeton and Dartmouth and our other peers enjoy,” Golden said. “That

would make a huge difference in our financial situation, if we can increase the participation in annual giving.”

In addition, Golden said Reveley has stressed building a base of alumni donors.

“That’s a major focal point that President Reveley has underlined for all of us, that we need to establish more effective communications [and] relationships with our alumni,” Golden said. “If we can increase annual giving, those are funds that flow directly into the budget each year. The campaigns are wonderful ... but annual giving is translated immediately into support for our programs.”

Reveley and the rest of the administration say that the College’s financial model is changing.

“The era of being state supported and privately assisted is over, is dead as a doornail, is never coming back,” Reveley said. “We have no alternative but to figure out how to make an era of privately supported, publicly assisted work for this college in this town. So let’s all get the message and let’s get serious about it and let’s pull together and make it happen.”

STAFF EDITORIAL

College must raise funds

It’s no secret that the College is hurting for money. Every year, a dismal financial resources score darkens its otherwise top-notch figures in the US News & World Report rankings. The current economic downturn, moreover, could prompt even deeper state budget cuts. That means the College will need to turn its fiscal focus elsewhere if it is to maintain — let alone improve — its status as one of the nation’s premier universities. President Taylor Reveley can and should help it do just that. It’s time for him to take charge of a new fundraising campaign — one to raise \$1 billion.

Surprisingly little public money flows into this public institution. Virginia funds only about 20 percent of the the College’s budget, and even that small portion is subject to the economic winds driving the state’s revenue. This year isn’t likely to prove a bumper year, either. Reliable private funding and prudent money management together offer the sole path to financial stability. Ultimately, growing the alumni giving-base will reap some of the largest returns, but a \$1 billion infusion of private funds is the right place to start.

Now could not be a better time to begin. As our peer institutions pour endowment money into financial aid packages, our “bargain” status diminishes. Even in-state tuition looks bad when the competition is free, or nearly so. In Reveley, we see an opportunity for a renewed effort. We appreciate his stance that only private dollars can keep us in the race. That gives him all the more reason to capitalize on the recent and successful campaign to raise \$500 million. Far from an end in itself, success there proved the College can reach \$1 billion. And when it comes to fiscal opportunities, what the College can accomplish, it should accomplish. That’s common sense. It’s good to see similar sentiments all around. Reveley and the Board of Visitors already understand that our financial relationship with Virginia will remain tenuous at best.

“The era of being state-supported and privately assisted is over, is dead as a doornail, is never coming back,” Reveley said in an August interview. We could not agree more with his proposal to reverse those roles. A new campaign would convert those plans into much-needed action.

But maybe this seems a stretch. Maybe \$1 billion looks beyond our reach. Faced with equal state pressures, the University of Virginia believes otherwise. It plans to raise \$1 million a day, every day, until it raises more than \$3 billion. Our school may be small, but it is capable. And in the end, that is all we require.

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By Olivia Walch, Flat Hat Cartoonist

BOV Rector responds to editorial

Michael Powell

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



I greatly respect the editorial board of The Flat Hat, but I want to respond to your recent editorial portraying the Board of Visitors' consultation with students as nothing more than a “two-day free for all.”

As I explained to The Flat Hat editors previously, we began meeting with students formally several weeks before our decision. The students we met held campus leadership positions and were encouraged to reach out and solicit student input. Over the course of the following weeks, they regularly communicated to us their views of

student opinion, including concerns that were raised.

Additionally, in the weeks-long period, many BOV members talked with and called many students whom we had come to know or who had contacted us. The e-mail to all members of the community was to convey the current thinking, make clear the options before the BOV and let people know that it was meeting to discuss these issues and make decisions Sept. 5.

The community e-mail was a supplement to our outreach to keep people informed and not the exclusive vehicle for input. At our meeting last Friday, Student Assembly President Valerie Hopkins '09, who serves as the student representative to the BOV, presented her view of student opinions and concerns, and did so quite ably. She was also included in the final discussions that led to a decision — as were faculty and staff representatives.

Michael Powell '85 is the Rector of the Board of Visitors.

Diversity isn’t black and white

Bertel King Jr.

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



You have read the brochure, you have seen the e-mails and you have heard the speeches — the College of William and Mary has brought in its most diverse class yet, with 25 percent being students of color. That’s great, right?

That depends on who you talk to. Diversity is more complex than just color.

In my hometown, everything is black and white. Religiously, you are an atheist, or you are a Christian. If you are a Christian, you are likely Baptist. Linguistically, you speak English. Chances are that’s the only language you know. Culturally, most people are rural, and many live in the same house in which they were born.

At the College, the stew is better-stirred, and there are a larger number of ingredients being put into the pot. Religiously, there are more choices than days of the week. I’ve heard more languages spoken here than I even knew the names of back home, and I’ve seen people dressed in anything from jeans and a t-shirt to a sari.

But a white person arriving on campus expecting the “most diverse class ever” may be surprised to see that the majority of people look, act and dress in the same manner as they do. While a 25 percent minority population sounds good on paper, 75 percent of the College is racially homogeneous.

As a black student, I know a minority student on campus cannot help but feel like exactly

that — a minority. Among the 25 percent, most are not the same race as I am. Seeing organizations such as the African American Male Coalition and the South Asian Student Association gives me the mindset that there are only a few of us, and we must all stick together. I mean no disrespect to any of these groups — they are a vital part of the College experience for many minority students. Many people do need to be reminded, if only occasionally, that they are not alone.

Diversity means different things to different people. My high school was split down the middle — white and black. For me, that was a diverse environment.

When I discovered that there were as many students of Asian or Hispanic descent as there were of African descent at the College, I realized that my concept of diversity had been an illusion. Diversity does not mean equal servings. A bag of skittles in which half are yellow is still a diverse bag,

and while we can argue that it needs more green or reds, we cannot deny the variety that was poured into the bag.

Statistically, the College’s minority population reflects that of the state. Virginia is roughly three-quarters white. As a public college, the College draws most of its students from Virginia, and no one can consider it outrageous for its population to reflect the pool from which it draws.

I do not claim that the College is or is not diverse. All I want is for you to picture the image I saw earlier this week: two couples holding hands walking to the Caf. One consisted of a black guy and an Asian girl; the other, a black girl and a white guy.

Somewhere in that picture, no matter what definition you give the word, diversity comes to mind.

Bertel King Jr. is a freshman at the College.

Trivial environmental move

Brandon Pizzola

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



Let’s go trayless and save the planet. If you’ve taken a look at the comment board at the Caf recently, you have noticed that the one dominant issue covering the entire board — and using every comment card provided — is the removal of trays.

On one side are the advocates for the removal, and on the other are those who want the trays back — one card calling it a move of “environmental nazis.” It is feel-good policies similar to this that trivialize the environmental movement and feed its stereotypical image of caring more about trees than people.

The comprehensive study on the effect of trayless

dining by Aramark — the international company that provides many colleges with their meal programs — concluded from 186,000 meals at 25 colleges that going trayless reduces the average amount of wasted food per person from 3.0 to 1.8 ounces. However, the conclusion reached by Aramark has been disputed on the matter of causation versus correlation. An alternative explanation given was that since the 25 colleges included in the study were also conducting a food conservation campaign focusing on the principle, “communication is the key to success,” the improved awareness may have had as big of a role in reducing waste as going trayless.

Besides the conflicting explanations on why colleges going trayless has produced less waste, there are other factors that must be considered. The trays themselves do more than prevent students from having to undertake balancing acts; they catch food that falls onto the table while

they’re eating. From firsthand knowledge, the tables in the Caf have seemed to be more messy than usual. Now rather than circling around looking for an open table, you go around looking for a table without pineapple and lettuce on it. The water saved from not washing a tray will only be used to clean the floors and tables.

Don’t forget the general principle that forcing change upon people rather than educating them on the benefits of such a move is prone to backlash. Rather than citing an abstract example, just look at the effects trayless dining has had at other colleges. As quickly as trayless dining has spread to colleges across the nation so has the mocking of trayless dining, leading many colleges to experience “Wasteful Wednesday” in a mockery of “Trayless Tuesday.”

The importance of education on this subject reaches even further beyond the 1.2 ounces of reduced waste per person; it can change the long-term behavior of students at the College of William and Mary. What’s four years in college reducing food

waste compared to a lifetime of awareness of portion sizes and wasted food?

The current policy of removing trays is a feel-good policy that trivializes the environmental movement. At the end of the day, just removing trays will give us all a warm, cuddly feeling that we’ve helped the environment at mealtime while we would otherwise go about our days wasting as usual.

The change needed to help the environment is increased awareness of how our little choices add up to affect the environment, not revoking the choice of students to use trays with coercive force. Keep the trays, keep the dialogue and keep the education.

Let students, organizations and those flimsy folded papers on tables spread awareness. Let the College be a leader in environmental awareness rather than a leader in empty gestures.

Brandon Pizzola is a sophomore at the College.

At the College, the stew is better-stirred, and there are a larger number of ingredients being put into the pot.

What’s four years in college reducing food waste compared to a lifetime of awareness to wasted food?

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VARIETY

New professors reveal first impressions, skepticism

Three new professors discuss experiences with students, campus

By MICHAEL GURELA
The Flat Hat

"I was skeptical at first," Dr. Saidul Islam, a new professor of sociology at the College of William and Mary, said. "I heard 'The College of William and Mary' and thought 'College,' like community college?"

Deciding which college to attend is a paramount decision, and students aren't the only ones making it. This semester, a number of new professors who have worried over this exact decision in the past join the College's faculty. The opportunities for both the new professors and their students make this an exciting and engaging time on campus.

Islam — who now teaches environmental sociology and social problems at the College — has been all over the globe. Born in Bangladesh, he attended International Islam University Malaysia and earned his Ph.D. in 2008 from York University in Canada, where he previously taught.

"I looked for jobs in the U.S. and Canada," Islam said. "The ad was actually placed by a professor who taught me. It seemed like a great place to start my career."

After two weeks of classes, Islam has gotten a sense of the class dynamic.

"They are very smart — they are — but I think many things depend on the instructor and how he pursues instruction. Teaching is not just pouring information on students."

Ultimately, Islam has one goal: "To make things absolutely clear [to the students]. They should not leave the classroom without a clear understanding." After thinking for a moment, Islam added, "I must also be entertaining."

In the psychology department, Paul Kieffaber has started as a professor of physiological psychology. Kieffaber earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology and cognitive science from Indiana University-Bloomington. Kieffaber, like many students at the College, chose this university in order to pursue research opportunities.

"The primary draw is the balance between teaching and research. This was one of the driving forces in my decision. I also had a great feeling about the atmosphere at the College."

Kieffaber expresses a passion for teaching; however, he has not always thought he would venture down the path of college professorship. "[Teaching has] been my goal for most of my professional career," he said. "Before, I thought of myself as a clinical psychologist who would serve patients. Once I got a taste of research I knew I would head down the [teaching] path."

The history department has two new professors. Dr. Brett Rushforth is a professor of colonial American history currently teaching American history to 1877, along with a graduate research seminar in early American history. Rushforth



BECKY KOENIG — THE FLAT HAT
Professor Eric Han brought with him to the College many books and pictures from his travels around the world. He now shares his experiences with the students in his East Asia from 1600 and Japanese history classes.

earned his Ph.D. from University of California-Davis, and says his decision to be a professor was easy.

"My dad was a college professor," he said. "I debated between this and law school. I chose the purer path."

Rushforth's decision to come to the College seemed to him the obvious choice. "Because I do early American history, it is a great place to study it," he said. "There is also a great graduate program, faculty and student body."

The job does not leave Rushforth with a great deal of extra time.

"I'm a cyclist and I have four daughters, so that takes up most of my spare time," he said.

Also in the history department, Dr. Eric Han teaches East Asia from 1600 and modern Japanese history. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. History wasn't always his passion; he received his undergraduate degree in molecular biology from Princeton University.

"I took a trip around the world," he said. "[I wanted to be a] biologist, but you can guess when that changed."

Han chose the College because of its specificity to what he wanted to research and teach.

"The position was perfect. Other schools pool you with broader positions; William and Mary was specific about

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Top tunes, freshest hits for the fall semester

By GENICE PHILLIPS
Flat Hat Staff Writer

For music lovers, keeping a full wallet is no easy task. With major releases pouring out each week — from golden oldies to the hottest new voices — it's hard to figure out where your money should go, and who really deserves that coveted spot in your CD booklet. Here's a helpful guide for the latest and upcoming releases.

Oasis, "Dig Out Your Soul"

It's been three years since the release of their sixth studio album, "Don't Believe the Truth." Now, the English rock band Oasis has finally returned with its seventh: "Dig Out Your Soul," due Oct. 6. Recorded in Abbey Road Studios — possibly an attempt to rekindle the presence of the Beatles, the band's heaviest

influence — the quintet returns with another round of high-energy tracks for the tormented listener. The first single off the album, "The Shock of Lightning" (due Sept. 26), should offer the same soaring melodies and reflective lyricism that have long sparked the haunting voice of frontman Noel Gallagher.

Note to Reader: If you've never heard of Oasis — nearly impossible if you've lived through the '90s — check out one of their iconic rock songs ("Wonderwall" or "Champagne Supernova") or read up on the ongoing sibling rivalry between Noel and Liam Gallagher. These brothers share lead songwriting duties for the group.

Release Date: Oct. 6, 2008

T.I., "Paper Trail"

Difficult doesn't even begin to describe the past year for Atlanta-based rapper T.I. From

run-ins with the law and the death of one of his best friends to the stillborn death of his daughter, T.I. has endured many hardships, all while maintaining his Southern swagger and contagious humility. In preparation for his one-year jail sentence, T.I. is taking every opportunity to launch his career to the highest possible level, working on a new movie project, clothing line, record and television production and — the best part — a new album. His sixth studio album to date, "Paper Trail" could be one of the best-selling albums of the year. With an abstract CD cover and great tunes oozing from almost every track, T.I. proves he's still a force to be reckoned with in the rap game. Look for his second single, "Whatever You Like," which has topped the charts for the past three weeks.

Producers/Artists featured on the album: Swizz Beatz, Jay-Z, Justin Timberlake, Rihanna, Scott Storch, Danja

Release Date: Sept. 30, 2008

Ne-Yo, "The Year of the Gentleman"

With sharp suits, crooner-style singing and spiffy hats to cover that big, bald head, R&B singer Ne-Yo returns this fall for his '60s-inspired studio album, "The Year of the Gentleman." Influenced by the sounds of the Rat Pack, 'Gentleman' once again shows off Ne-Yo's sophisticated approach to songwriting and production, with more odes to the women who can't quit breaking his heart. Soft melodies, swaying beats and mood-enhancing tracks (couples, you know), give Ne-Yo the tools to capture the essence of

a true gentleman — class.

Best Tracks: Miss Independent, Stop This World, Closer

Release Date: Sept. 16, 2008

Thievery Corporation, "Radio Retaliation"

On its fifth studio album, "Radio Retaliation," the Washington, D.C.-based acid jazz duo — which has provided music for a number of movies ("Garden State") and T.V. shows ("The Sopranos") — lives up to its eclectic, tried-and-true approach to songwriting. Using non-Western influences, Rob Garza and Eric Hilton of Thievery Corporation confront such socio-political issues as corruption and economic downfall on an international level. Both original and thoughtful, the album grooves with new rhythms and a diverse set of languages, pushing for a more progressive, socially conscious way to listen to music.

Featured Artists: Femi Kuti, Seu Jorge, Anushka Shankar, the late Chuck Brown, Notch.

Release Date: Sept. 23, 2008

The Cure, "Dream 4.13"

One of the most influential rock bands of the '80s, The Cure has permeated pop culture with everything from goth-inspired clothing (smudged red lipstick and frazzled hair) to covers of bands such as 311 and Death Cab for Cutie. With 12 studio albums and some pretty memorable songs ("Just Like Heaven," "Lovesong"), The Cure raises the bar on its 13th album, "4:13 Dream," putting an upbeat, angsty spin on their post-punk influences.

Released tracks: "The Only One," "Freakshow," "Sleep When I'm Dead"

Release Date: Oct. 14, 2008

CONFUSION CORNER

Neurosis stems from fear of failure

James Damon
FLAT HAT COLUMNIST



"You're never going to get a job if you get so nervous all the time," my father told me on the car ride home from elementary school.

I was in fifth grade, and I had just told my dad that I was nervous about an upcoming test in cursive class. Worried about the tails on my lower-case, cursive As and the curious curve of my upper-case Cs, I was certain that my teacher would fail me, and that this fact would plague me for the remainder of my life.

As a child, my mental preoccupations kept me awake late into the night, hours past my bedtime. My plump prepubescent body shifted in bed as I worried about whether it would rain the next day or how long it would take a thief to break into my house and murder me. If my movements awoke my younger brother, who slept on the bunk bed atop me, then I would move out into the hall, where I paced frantically until morning.

"If you keep this up then all of your hair will turn gray by the time you hit middle school," my father said when he found me walking in a circle around our partly-finished basement. He constantly chided me for my nervous habits. If during dinner my leg ever twitched uncontrollably, my father might yell at me or take away my food until I stopped. Although he sometimes treated me with the same brusqueness one might treat a dog, my father acted out of a genuine interest in my well-being. He understood the futility of my nervous habits long before I did.

My stomach felt like it was doing backflips for the entire week before middle school started. The idea of having to fit into a new school and make new friends terrified me, and I chose to concentrate this stress on my bowels. As soon as I ate or drank something, my body felt compelled to expel it, which forced me to spend hours in the yellow-tiled bathroom adjacent to

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Buy

GZA/Genius:
“Pro Tools” [Right]

The latest release from the GZA features former Wu-Tang Clan mates Masta Killa and the RZA along with his son, Justice.



Star Sense

“Part of me would love to play a drag queen, just because it would be an excuse to wear loads of eye makeup.” [Right]

— Actor Daniel Radcliffe about his hopes to move beyond “Harry Potter.”



Play

“Mario Super Sluggers” for Wii

Released on Aug. 25, this Mario game stays true to the other Wii sports and is simple to master. ‘Super Sluggers’ is well on its way to Nintendo fame.

WEEKEND PICKS

“Sex and the City”

UCAB is hosting the early movie showing of “Sex and the City” tonight and tomorrow at both 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Saddler Center’s Commonwealth Auditorium. Admission is \$2. UCAB will enter all attendees to win a copy of the DVD, which is not released until Tuesday, Sept. 23.

Today & Tomorrow

“Burn After Reading”

When two gym workers find information about a CIA agent’s experiences, a comedy of crime is born. The movie is released today and can be seen at the New Town Cinemas all weekend. **Today**

“The Wackness”

This weekend is the last time the Kimball Theater will show “The Wackness.” The film is set during the mid ’90s in a hip-hop-filled New York City. It highlights the summer of a college-bound young man named Luke Shapiro. He provides his psychiatrist with pot to pay for his sessions, where he and his shrink learn to grow up as their friendship continues. Josh Peck, cast as Shapiro, is joined by both Mary Kate Olsen and Method Man in this award-winning film. It will play at 6:45 and 8:45 p.m. tonight and Saturday at the theater in Merchant’s Square. **Today & Tomorrow**

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP

Jessica Who?

Frequently pouty Mary Kate Olsen had reason to smile at the Rock and Republic show at Fashion Week — she was seated next to Chase Crawford. The pretty pipsqueak insisted on squeezing in between the “Gossip Girl” heartthrob and his on-screen sometime love interest Jessica Szohr, according to Side Dish. Looking especially pulled together, the oldest of the Olsen twins spent her time in the front row beaming uncharacteristically.



Happy birthday, Dannielynn

By some strange force, Anna Nicole’s daughter, Dannielynn, might have escaped the crazy. Granted, she’s only 2, but US reports that Larry Birkhead is a doting father. With all the recent fame-whoring of baby pictures, we’re surprised the Anna didn’t try to make a small stash on her babygirl: Dannielynn is one of the most adorable celebrity babies we’ve seen. Still, it might be too soon to judge. In the same article, Birkhead references ANS’s physical and emotional abuse.

Dear Bristol Palin,

I’m sure you want to be just like me because I’m cute and a great role model, but, from one knocked-up sixteen year old to another, I have some advice. I don’t think you should marry Levi. I know we’re both big on family values, but being married isn’t so perfect. The presents don’t last long, and they’re not all that fun anyway. Who wants a wok? Anyway, I hope you like the bibs we sent. I picked out the pink all by myself.

xoxo,
Jamie Lynn Spears



Get Smart

Anne Hathaway, having closed her princess diary in June when then-boyfriend Raffaello Follieri was arrested on fraud charges, is about to see the other side of heaven. The hoodwinked actress — whose nude photos, Gawker notes, have yet to leak — had to return a number of pieces gifted to her by the fraudulent Follieri. The FBI demanded she turn over various watches and jewelry, likely totaling hundreds or even thousands.

— by Alice Hahn

New professors discuss perspectives

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looking for a Japanese history professor. It’s always better to do a job you know you can do.”

Research opportunities were also a draw for Han.

“The courses per semester allows for research and the smaller classes make the teaching experience that much better,” he said.

The College offers him the flexibility to focus jointly on research and students. Han wants to underscore three things in his classes. “Keep history relevant to the contemporary, provoke students to reevaluate assumptions, and emphasize discussion and communication of different opinions,” he said.

The student body has welcomed these new professors with open arms, but almost too enthusiastically, according to Han, “The students are very friendly, but they have not learned to call me ‘professor’ yet. Some still use ‘Mr.’ or just ‘Eric.’ At some schools people are just more formal, but it seems professors don’t mind here.”



PHOTOS BY JACK HOHMAN AND SARAH DAIGER
[Top] Professor Paul Keinfaber and
[Bottom] Professor Saidul Islam are new professors at the College.

Father criticizes neurotic columnist

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my bedroom. When he learned of my latest foible, my father was livid, and, in an effort to break my habit, insisted that I could only poop twice in one day.

Yet this rule only made me more nervous. On top of worrying about class and friends, I now had the added stress of having to regulate my digestive system. The expectations were too much for my young stomach to bear, and I quickly found methods to circumvent my father’s rule.

Sometimes, I would sneak out in the middle of the night to use the bathroom at my neighbor’s house. Our toilet had been stolen, I would explain, and we were still waiting for insurance money to help us pay for a new one. After giving me a strange sidelong glance, my neighbors usually opened their door just wide enough for my young, chubby self to squeeze through.

My nervousness stems from an exaggerated fear of failure. Whenever I become aware of an expectation, I am suddenly drawn away from the present moment and into my head. Everything I do, I think to myself, is doomed to disappointment. For this reason, I never write papers until the night before they are due, even though I usually start thinking about the assignment weeks prior to the deadline. For a long time, my heart beat violently whenever I raised my

hand in class, “Was my question worth muttering?” I would wonder. I wish I could say that this nervousness left me as I matured. I wish I could say that my nervous twitches and tendencies were eventually replaced by more charismatic traits. This is impossible. My nervousness stemmed from a sheer lack of self-confidence — a problem that time does not necessarily alleviate, and can even make worse. In addition, there was comfort in feeling physically ill whenever nervousness struck. It allowed me to control the multitude of uncertainties I saw before me.

My stomach jumped wildly as I submitted my column last week. In case you missed it, I wrote about a lack of self-confidence during my freshman year. That article was the most honest thing I have ever devoted myself to. Writing that article was also immensely relieving. I had finally put words to insecurities that continue to plague me, and that — as I later learned from friends who had read the article — I was not alone in that feeling. I suddenly realized the value of this column to me. It’s not just a platform on which to describe how wacky college is. It is also a therapeutic endeavor. A chance to share my personal struggles, and, in doing so, to master them.

James Damon is a Confusion Corner columnist. In reaction to his father’s former control, he now poops at least six times a day.

THAT GUY

Brandon Nichols desires big change in world

By MELSIE McREYNOLDS
Flat Hat That Guy Columnist

Making himself at home on my couch, Brandon Nichols immediately started chatting with my housemates who were busy doing their own thing. He offered me a piece of his bagel and we started chatting about my past interviews for the column — the pressure was on. Brandon has been involved in so much at the College from Alpha Pi Omega and Honor Council to the Senior Gift Committee. Within minutes, he had me laughing and forgetting this was an interview.

It’s your senior year. What are you most looking forward to doing this year?

There’s so much to do. There’s the prospect of what I’ll be doing after graduation, but also I’m looking forward to the good times with my friends and the W&M community. [It’s] the whole idea of spending time reinforcing the times we’ve had, reminiscing, jumping the wall and going to football games together. [I’m] getting excited for the next part of my life.

Speaking of jumping the wall, have you done the triathalon?

I have done one leg of the triathalon, but hopefully I will complete it by the end of this month. I almost did another part of it this past weekend, but didn’t. I intend to finish the rest of it before the semester is over.

What’s been your favorite activity you’ve been involved with on campus?

Even though I’ve only been in it for a little bit of time, I’d say Honor Council because I like the idea of something that binds us all together. I feel like a lot of schools don’t have that same kind of commitment to honor and the community understanding that we are all connected. I feel like it’s an important thing to know and understand when you leave William and Mary to realize that you did have a connection, not just to one person or the group you knew, but to the community as a whole.

That’s one of the reasons I came here; I realized the campus was small and it was a community. That’s something that you can feel during the summer session. Even when there’s no one here you can feel that strong sense of community.

Everyone who knows you says you have a deadpan sense of humor. What really makes you laugh?

The one thing that will make me laugh no matter what [is] “Can I have Your Number?” It’s a great YouTube video of a skit from “MadTV.” This guy is trying to get this girl’s number



ASHLEY MORGAN — THE FLAT HAT

at the movie theater. He’s being really obnoxious and asking for it, and she’s like “No, can I just watch my movie?” It’s hilarious.

What do you want to be doing in the future?

After I graduate, I’m going to New Orleans for a little bit, hopefully, because this winter break I’m working for a legal group that helps low-income people who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina. I hope to do more Katrina legal work when I go there. I’d like to spend a few months there and then I’m trying to work in South Africa for a legal organization. I have yet to contact them, but I’m in the process of finishing that letter. I want to go there for a year then apply to law school in New York or Chicago.

Do you have any hobbies that most people wouldn’t know about?

I love video games. Right now I’m really in to Super Smash Brothers Brawl for Wii.

I also like to play the piano a little bit. I’m not really good, but I’m trying to teach myself more. I took group lessons here because I didn’t have time for private lessons, so I decided to continue to play and try and teach myself a little bit. I like long walks on the beach, watching the sunset — you know, those types of things.

What’s one thing that you haven’t done yet at the College that you really want to do?

Something that I really want to do is experience the United States and go on a road trip. I’m kind of a military brat, and I’ve moved a lot, but I still feel like I haven’t seen much of the U.S. I haven’t been to California. I’ve never seen the flyover states and whatnot. I feel like there’s so much to this country. There’s so much to experience; I love

experiencing things. I love meeting people — people who are different, who have different thoughts and ideas. There are so many things I want to see; I want to go to Chicago and I want to go back to Houston, Texas. That’s where I was born. I like to say it was a birth and run: I was born and then we moved two weeks later.

If you could rename yourself, what would you change your name to?

I’ve actually thought about this a lot. I really like my middle name. It’s Jaston and there’s a wonderful story behind it. When I was born and they were trying to pick out names, my mom had been watching a lot of horror movies, so she wanted to name me Damien or Jason, and my dad was like, “No, we don’t want to do that to our child.” So they named me Brandon after one of my dad’s good friends. My mom was still determined to get her way so she put a “T” in Jason and made Jaston and that became my middle name. I really like that name a lot, so I would rename myself my middle name and I don’t know what I’d do with my middle name. Maybe I wouldn’t have one so that I could have an X in my W&M ID. I gave props to my mom even though she was a little insane.

After an hour and 45 minutes of chatting, we realized it was getting late. In typical Brandon style, he invited me to eat dinner with him, but, unfortunately, I already had plans. On his way out, talking about how proud we are to be members of the Class of 2009, Brandon only had to say a few words to convince me to donate to the class gift. We told a few more jokes before busy Brandon ran off to grab Quizno’s and indulge himself in a little “Gossip Girl” before yet another busy night.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

MEN'S BASKETBALL

College alumni name
Shaver coach of year

The College of William and Mary Alumni Association named men's basketball Head Coach Tony Shaver it's coach of the year Thursday night. Shaver, who earned the CAA coach of the year award last season, guided the Tribe to back-to-back 15-win season for the first time in 25 years. Last year, the College recorded three consecutive last-second victories to make its first-ever CAA Tournament championship game.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Arena CAA runner of week

Senior Emily Arena collected the season's first CAA Runner of the Week award Tuesday after turning in a fifth-place finish at the University of Virginia's Lou Onesty Invitational. Arena, who won the CAA steeplechase title in the spring, completed the five-kilometer course in 18:47.04.

MEN'S TENNIS

Juneau, Vidal earn
preseason rankings

Junior Keziel Juneau garnered the first national singles ranking of his collegiate career this week following the release of the ITA preseason national rankings. Juneau will enter the 2008 season ranked 125th in singles, while partnering with sophomore Sebastian Vidal to form the no. 38 doubles team in the country.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

ITA ranks both
Zoricic, Acharya

Junior Ragini Acharya and senior Kat Zoricic both earned spots in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association national preseason singles rankings. Acharya, a repeat ITA summer singles champion, is currently ranked 87th nationally, while Zoricic is 94th. Acharya and Zoricic — the Tribe's top doubles team — sit 20th nationally, higher than any other CAA tandem.

— By Andrew Pike

SCHEDULE

Fri., Sept. 12

VOLLEYBALL

vs. North Carolina State* — 7 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER

vs. Central Florida** — 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

@ Virginia — 7 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 13

FIELD HOCKEY

PENNSYLVANIA — 11 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

vs. Norfolk State* — 10 a.m.

vs. Western Carolina* — 5 p.m.

FOOTBALL

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE — 7 p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

Virginia Invitational — Charlottesville, Va.

Sun., Sept. 14

FIELD HOCKEY

ST. JOSEPH'S — 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Nitanny Lion Invitational — State College, Pa

MEN'S SOCCER

vs. University of Massachusetts** — 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

vs. Maryland*** — 12 p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

Virginia Invitational — Charlottesville, Va.

* Games played in Raleigh, N.C.

** Games played in Norfolk, Va.

*** Games played in Charlottesville, Va.

FOOTBALL

Tribe looks for first victory

College seeks to even record against Virginia Military Institute

By MATT POMS

Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor

A year ago, senior quarterback Jake Phillips led the College of William and Mary's offense to an impressive season as the Tribe racked up 29 points and 396 yards of offense per game with Phillips accounting for 2,801 yards and 19 touchdowns through the air.

However, in this season's opener against North Carolina State University, that same high-octane unit failed to get on track as Phillips was held to a mere 15 of 30 passing with two interceptions and a touchdown.

Few CAA players are more essential to their team's success than Phillips, and this weekend's home opener against Virginia Military Institute will provide the senior quarterback with the perfect opportunity to rebound from last week's defeat.

"This is obviously a big game, it's the

home opener for us and a long-time rivalry," senior center Luke Hiteshew said. "We really need to work on getting 11 guys on the same page at the same time."

Tomorrow night at Zable Stadium, the Tribe offense should find that proposition much more accommodating than in last week's 34-24 defeat. The College has downed the Keydets 22 straight times, the second-longest win streak of its kind in the nation, while outscoring VMI 218-59 over the last five meetings.

Phillips and the offense have already received a boost with the return of junior wide receiver D.J. McAulay. Back in the starting lineup against N.C. State after missing nearly all of last season with an injured knee, McAulay showed no signs of rustiness, catching six passes for 99 yards and two touchdowns.

The possible return of sophomore wideout Cameron Dohse from injury should help the Tribe passing game, but sophomore Chase Hill, who earned the third wide receiver spot in preseason and caught four passes for 45 yards in his debut, suffered a concussion at N.C. State and will not play.

Despite the College's perennial dominance over VMI, the Keydet's unique option offense could cause headaches for the Tribe defense. After utilizing an aggressive, attack-

ing style to limit N.C. State in week one, the unit will be forced to adjust to a much more complicated game plan.

"It's tough to make that adjustment [to defending the option] in one week," Head Coach Jimmye Laycock said. "Last week we kind of turned ourselves loose defensively which did a really good job keeping [N.C. State] off balance, but whether you can do that against option type stuff is going to be a little more difficult."

Senior safety David Caldwell agreed with that assessment, citing the squad's focus on using a disciplined system to combat an intricate offense, which could have as many as three or four possible ball carriers per play.

"It's always a challenge when you're going into the VMI game," Caldwell said. "The main thing that you need to do is just be right on your assignments. You don't want to be overaggressive because that's where they can get you."

Regardless of the challenges, the Tribe will use its home opener as a chance to work out any kinks in its game plan, while relishing the supportive atmosphere after playing in a tough stadium against N.C. State.

"We need to improve in certain areas, but we're ready to come back home and play in front of a full house," Laycock said.

WHEN: Tomorrow, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Zable Stadium

KEYS TO THE GAME

DEVELOP PASSING GAME

The Tribe is at its best when senior quarterback Jake Phillips is on target with his throws, hitting open receivers downfield. In the College's four wins last year, Phillips was efficient, completing 64 percent of his passes compared to 53 percent of his throws in their seven losses.

STOP THE OPTION

Last week against N.C. State, the Tribe defense held the Wolfpack to a stingy 67 yards on the ground. However, the Keydets' option attack is a very different system from the Wolfpack's power running game, and the defense's ability to adjust to the different systems will be thoroughly tested.

LEARN SOMETHING

While playmakers at several key positions remain out this weekend, spots are open for backups to step up and seize a key role. If younger players like freshman tailback Jonathan Grimes and sophomore safety Michael Alvarado want to prove they can be counted on down the stretch, now is their time to do it.

COURTESY PHOTO — WILLIAM AND MARY SPORTS INFORMATION
Senior quarterback Jake Phillips.

FURTHER REVIEW

The Tribe is one of the least penalized teams in the CAA. Last year, the College recorded 49 penalties in 11 games — the fewest in the conference. Against N.C. State, the Tribe continued to play disciplined football, resulting in only three penalties for 15 yards.

Head Coach Jimmye Laycock was particularly enthused about his squad's performance on special teams against the Wolfpack. Sophomore punter David Miller averaged 45.3 yards per punt — a 10.2 yard increase over his 2007 season average. Meanwhile, junior kicker Brian Pate was similarly strong, booming kickoffs into the endzone and recording one touchback — equal to his 2007 total.



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Junior safety David Caldwell and senior linebacker Michael Pigram celebrate against N.C. State.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

College seeks revenge against Cavaliers

Tribe looks to rebound after disappointing home loss to Columbia

By JACK LAMBERT

The Flat Hat

Last season, the University of Virginia ended the College of William and Mary's season in the second round of the NCAA tournament with a goal in the 89th minute.

But Friday's match versus the no. 9 Cavaliers is about more than revenge — it is a chance for the College to right its season.

The Tribe enters the weekend a disappointing 2-2-1 after dropping Sunday's match against Columbia University. A win over U.Va. would put the College back over .500 and would give the Tribe its first win over a ranked opponent.

It won't be easy. U. Va. is 5-0-2 and returns five seniors from a team, which made the third round of the NCAA's last season.

Lauer Power

Senior left back Abbey Lauer has a crucial role on both offense and defense, not only stopping opponents' attacks, but also igniting the Tribe offense.

Lauer starts things off for the Tribe from the backline, playing the ball into the attacking third and allowing leading scorer senior Claire Zimmeck to run down the field. Place her near midfield, and she can boom the ball into the box for senior midfielder Dani Collins and Zimmeck to finish.

Battle of the Midfield

In the College's victory over Brigham Young University, the Tribe dominated the midfield. In its loss to Columbia, the Lions controlled the midfield without consistent pressure from Tribe defenders.

Controlling the midfield is important not only because it can lead to goal-scoring

opportunities but also because it controls where the game is played. Collins and her fellow midfielders must keep the action on the Cavalier's side of the field in order to find success.

The Long and Short of It

Tribe forwards freshman Stephanie Gerow, junior Kellie Jenkins and Zimmeck are fast. Get them the ball with space to operate and good things will happen. To do this, the Tribe has to play the long ball from the backline instead of from midfield.

Playing the long ball from the backline gives Zimmeck and friends the whole attacking third in which to operate, while the same ball from midfield forces the Tribe offense to group together inside the box and rely on headers to score. The College must release the ball early from the backline and trust its forwards to create in space.



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Senior midfielder Dani Collins.

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